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SUMMARY: FRG MISSION SHARES OUR CONCERN OVER SA CREDENTIALS
FIGHT. END SUMMARY.

1. MISOFF MET AUG 1 WITH VON UTHMANN, FRG MISOFF DEALING WITH SUBJECT. VON UTHMANN SHOWED MISOFF EC-9 BACKGROUND PAPER, DATED JULY 9, CONCERNING SOUTH AFRICAN CREDENTIALS. PAPER OUTLINES PROBABLE SCENARIOS AND FOCUSES ON DESIRABILITY OF SUPPORTING LEGAL ARGUMENTS IN GA AGAINST EXCLUSION. ACCORDING TO VON UTHMANN, EC-9 DOES NOT BELIEVE OAU AFRICANS WILL BE MAKING AN ALL-OUT EFFORT THIS YEAR TO EXCLUDE SA. THEY ARE CONVENCED, HOWEVER, THAT A COUNTER-ACTION SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN TO CONTACT "IMPORTANT" AFRICAN FOREIGN MINISTRIES IN ORDER TO DISCOURAGE EXCLUSION OR EXPULSION MOVES. IF ONLY FOR FORM, VON UTHMANN
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ADDED, EC-9 WILL PURSUE THIS TACTIC. VON UTHMANN BELIEVES

THAT SHOULD GA PRESIDENT NOT SUPPORT HAMBRO RULING, A EUROPEAN WHO IS "RESPECTABLE" IN EYES OF AFRICANS, SUCH AS SWEDEN, SHOULD BE PREPARED TO APPEAL FOR A LEGAL COUNSEL RULING. ONUS FOR REJECTING REQUEST FOR A LEGAL VIEW THEREBY WOULD HAVE TO FALL ON AFRICANS. LEGAL COUNSEL VIEW, IF REQUESTED, LIKELY WOULD BE FAVORABLE TO SA.

2. VON UTHMANN HAD INTERESTING TWIST TO POSSIBLE SCENARIO. HE POSTULATED THAT BOUTEFLIKA MIGHT SIMPLY PASS OVER SOUTH AFRICANS' TURN TO SPEAK. SOUTH AFRICANS THEN WOULD HAVE TO APPEAL TO CHAIR FOR FLOOR, LEADING TO INSTANT DEBATE AND RATHER PHONY ARGUMENT THAT SOUTH AFRICAN CREDENTIALS QUESTION WAS BROUGHT UP NOT BY "NON-ALIGNED" BUT BY SOUTH AFRICANS THEMSELVES. SPEAKER CALLED ON BY CHAIR WOULD REFUSE TO YIELD TO SA. VON UTHMANN HAS CHECKED TO SEE WHO IS SCHEDULED TO SPEAK AFTER SOUTH AFRICANS DURING GENERAL DEBATE AND, INTERESTINGLY ENOUGH, HAS COME UP WITH FOLLOWING: SOUTH AFRICANS INITIAL TIME CHOICE FOR STATEMENT IS SEPT 30 AS FIRST SPEAKER IN A.M. POLAND, BULGARIA, AND GUYANA HAVE REQUESTED TO SPEAK THEREAFTER. SECOND CHOICE FOR SOUTH AFRICANS IS AS FIRST SPEAKER MORNING, OCT 3. ROMANIA, MOROCCO AND ISRAEL HAVE ASKED TO SPEAK NEXT. THIRD CHOICE IS OCT 7, AS FIRST MORNING SPEAKER; NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE EITHER UKRAINE, MADAGASCAR OR BHUTAN.

3. UK MISSION OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR SOUTH AFRICAN CREDENTIALS QUESTION ALL ARE ABSENT AND THEIR REPLACEMENTS ASK THAT WE DELAY DISCUSSION OF MATTER WITH THEM UNTIL END OF MONTH. CANADIANS INFORM US THAT ALGERIAN PERMREP RAHAL HAS TOLD LEGAL COUNSEL SUY THAT BOUTEFLIKA WILL UPHOLD HAMBRO RULING. SENEGALESE PERMREP FALL HAS TOLD UK MISOFF THAT AFRICANS INTEND TO PUSH MATTER TO SECURITY COUNCIL. SCENARIO REPORTED BY EMBASSY PARIS (REFTEL C) WOULD NOT BE INCOMPATIBLE, THEREFORE, WITH THESE REPORTS.

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